

## La planta baja y la portera



In Spain and elsewhere in Europe, the floor directly above the ground floor is considered the first floor. The ground floor (called **la planta baja** in Spain and indicated in elevators as **PB**) is not usually residential. To find an apartment on the first floor, you must go up one level.

In Pilar's apartment building, Kim mistook the **planta baja** for the first floor and spoke to the **portero**. Many older buildings in Spain still have the traditional **portero**, who serves as custodian and door attendant and whose apartment opens onto the entrance of the building. From there, **el portero** or his wife (**la portera**) can watch who comes and goes, collect packages and mail, and take messages.

### Actividad

What is on the **planta baja** according to this directory? What is on each floor of this building?



PB	Agencia de Viajes Pasaporte
1 <sup>a</sup>	Restaurante Tierra-Mar
2 <sup>a</sup>	Hostal González
3 <sup>a</sup>	Academia de Idiomas Hemisferio
4 <sup>a</sup>	Casa de Cambio López
5 <sup>a</sup>	Papelaria El Colegial

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## Direcciones abreviadas



In Spanish as in English, many abbreviations are used for writing addresses. Below are some of the most common abbreviations.

Avda.	avenida
C (or) C/	calle
Pl. (or) Pza.	plaza
pº	paseo
No. (or) Núm.	número
Dcha.	derecha (right)
Izqda.	izquierda (left)



### Actividad

Kim has the following names and addresses of people to contact in Madrid. Tell where each person's apartment is located.

Por ejemplo:

Diego: C/ Princesa, 10 - 3º izqda.

*El apartamento de Diego está en la calle Princesa, número diez, tercer piso, izquierda.*

1. Gonzalo: Avda. del Carmen, 15 - 4º dcha.
2. Carmen: Pº. de las Acacias, 2 - 6º izqda.
3. Sofia: C/ de Velázquez, 13 - 8º dcha.